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RE: Draft Proposed American National Standard - American
National Standard for Telecommunications - DS1 Carrier
To Customer Installation: Metallic Interface
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Dear Messrs. Polanski and Karr:

As a voting member of the T1C1 Subcommittee, I am sure you are aware, that part of the above proposed standard includes the framing formats for the superframe and the extended superframe. In defining each of those formats, reference is made to the robbed-bit-signaling frames and associated signaling channels.

You may not be aware that AT&T is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 3,991,268 (Goodall) entitled "PCM Communication System With Pulse Deletion". The Goodall patent, copy attached, issued on November 9, 1976. A U.S. patent expires 17 years from its date of issue.

We have had several discussions with AT&T's licensing department about the Goodall patent. From those discussions, it appears that they are saying that the claims of the Goodall patent are broad enough to cover all forms in which robbed-bit-signaling may be embodied.

While we do not agree with such an interpretation, we are bringing the Goodall patent to your attention in order to ensure that the procedures set out in Appendix D of the ANSI Procedures for the Development and Coordination of American National Standards (approved March 30, 1983) are followed. We trust that AT&T will take the steps necessary to comply with those procedures.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure

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